

## Barton County Democrat.

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## THE WORLD AT LARGE.

### Summary of the Daily News.

#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

JOHN W. FOSTER, the special ambassador, has received advice from Great Britain, Russia and Japan which leave no doubt in his mind that at the conference to be held in Washington next October a treaty will be drawn up and signed, and that the protection of seal life in Behring sea by Christmas will be assured.

The department of agriculture, through the bureau of animal industry, has prepared vaccine for the cattle disease known as "blackleg" and has issued a circular containing directions for using it.

DAVID G. SWAIN, retired judge advocate-general of the United States army, died in Washington on the 17th of Bright's disease, aged 63.

The civil service commission is overwhelmed with papers of examinations for government offices. Over 14,700 papers are now on file pending action, covering all kinds of examinations. In addition to these examinations have just been held in 53 of the largest post offices in the country which are expected to increase the number of cases by no less than 5,000.

The report of the United States commissioner of education for the year ended July 1, 1896, has just been completed. It shows a total enrollment in that year in the schools and colleges, both public and private, of 15,997,197 pupils. The number in public institutions was 14,465,371 and in private institutions 1,531,826. In addition to these there were 418,000 pupils in various special schools, making the grand total enrollment for the whole country 16,415,197.

It was stated at Washington that one of the first bills to be laid before congress at the regular session will be one to improve the present government of Alaska.

OFFICIALS of the treasury department believe that, despite the enormous importations of all kinds of goods just previous to the enacting of the Dingley tariff law, the measure will result in a comfortable surplus the first year.

The post office department is extending the long-distance telephone service, and on the 30th 3,000 cities throughout the country secured long-distance connection directly with the department.

The commissioner of pensions has had a statement prepared on the number of applications for pensions filed since July, 1896. The comparison shows that in July, 1896, applications for pensions aggregated 2,898, while in June, 1897, there were 40,169, largely for increases and for widows and minor children.

The commissioner of pensions recently stated that the pension list was increased by old soldiers marrying young wives and that he hoped congress would pass a law to prevent pensions from being given to widows of soldiers of the last war who married the soldiers in the future.

#### GENERAL NEWS.

At the reunion of the survivors of the Army of the Potomac at Troy, N. Y., on the 20th about 1,000 of them were in line in the parade. President McKinley reviewed the parade.

A carriage containing H. C. Clough, a well known attorney of Washington, and Miss Villa Curtis, was run down by a train on the B. & P. railroad, a short distance from Washington, and both the occupants were injured so badly that they soon died.

PADDY PURTELL, the American boxer, met Lachie Thompson in a contest for 20 rounds at Birmingham, Eng. PurteLL won easily in six rounds. It was his first battle in England.

WILL LIPPS, James McCullough and a ten-year-old boy were fatally injured by the explosion of a thrashing engine boiler on the Spring Creek ranch, near Hastings, Neb.

The middle-of-the-road populists held a state convention at Des Moines, Ia., on the 19th and nominated a complete state ticket, headed by Charles A. Lloyd, of Muscatine, for governor.

In the Indian creek oil region near Parkersburg, W. Va., a boiler exploded and killed five men and wounded six others.

A NEW YORK telegram said Steinway & Sons, piano manufacturers, had sold their business to an English syndicate for \$6,000,000.

The World's Congress of Medicine convened at Moscow, Russia, on the 19th with over 7,300 delegates, one-half of whom were from abroad.

The coal operators of the Pittsburgh, Pa., district formed an organization on the 19th for the special purpose of breaking up the strike of the miners. They proposed to operate their mines even if they had to employ force to do it.

The excitement over the Klondike gold discoveries, which for a time raged in Memphis, Tenn., has been altogether eclipsed and superseded thereabouts by the remarkable finds of pearls in apparently inexhaustible numbers in the lakes and bayous of western Arkansas. The extent of these pearl deposits cannot be estimated.

The Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association of America convened at New York on the 18th, 600 delegates from all parts of the country being present.

The convention of the Firemen's International association was formally opened at New Haven, Conn., with a procession, headed by the mayor.

The full-blood Cherokees presented a protest to the Cherokee commission at Tahlequah, I. T., against any further negotiation with the Dawes commission. They propose to fight all matters coming up in congress contrary to their treaty rights and also to go to the United States supreme court and test the strength of the

The State Farmers' alliance of Texas, which was in session at Dallas for three days, seceded from the national organization by an overwhelming majority. The State alliance also adopted the proposition to establish co-operative branches among the members.

A TERRIBLE collision occurred at Lima, O., on the 20th between a heavily-loaded excursion train and a freight, badly injuring a large number of passengers.

AERONAUT ALLRED fell 300 feet from his balloon at Electric park, Chicago, on the 20th, every bone in his body being broken. He became entangled in a guy-rope and was dragged from his parachute.

MAMIE KEIFER, for many years a well-known balloonist of Peoria, Ill., was drowned recently as the result of a drunken spree. She crossed the river in company with another woman and two men, and when in midstream the boat was capsized and all thrown into the water. Three were rescued, but the balloonist was drowned.

PORTER PARKS, aged 13 years, committed suicide at Quincy, Ill. His mother said he was naughty, and to punish him she sent him to his bedroom shortly before noon. Soon after a younger brother entered the room and found his brother's body hanging to the closet door. Life was extinct when the horrified mother reached the scene and took down the body.

JAMES JEFFREYS, of Camden, Tenn., and Ross Giffin, of Kansas City, Mo., have been appointed commissioners to allot lands in severalty to the Indians of the Uncompaghe reservation in Utah.

REV. PERRY HOPKINS, a bishop in the A. M. E. church, died in New York on the 20th, aged 75. He was a slave before the war, but purchased his freedom.

SOLLY SMITH, of Los Angeles, Cal., knocked out Johnny Griffin, of Boston, in the seventh round at San Francisco.

The elevator of the Davenport (Ia.) glucose works was the scene of two terrific dust explosions on the 19th, as a result of which four lives were lost and two persons seriously injured.

REV. H. H. BURGESS, aged 60, a highly respected Methodist minister of Hulings, W. Va., was stoned to death because he was unable to pay a bill due to Coleman Pitzer, a day laborer. Pitzer and his brother Lewis were jailed, charged with the crime.

ABOUT 40,000 people lined the broad boulevards over which the great flower parade of the Colorado Springs, Col., carnival passed on the 19th. The parade, in which 2,500 took part, was 2½ miles long, and the turnouts were particularly gorgeous.

ST. LOUIS speculators in wheat recently cleared upward of \$2,000,000 on September options during the recent bulge. Ex-Secretary of the Interior D. Francis was said to have netted \$300,000.

A PETITION has been presented to Gov. Bradley at Frankfort, Ky., asking the pardon of Morgan Johnson, who has been confined in the penitentiary for 17 years, having been convicted of the murder of Pompey Bell, a guard in the penitentiary, in 1881, and given a life sentence. Capt. Hide, who presented the petition for pardon, also presented a confession of Henry Smith, a convict, who confessed to the crime for which Johnson was convicted.

HARVEY DE BERRY, colored, was hanged in the jail at Memphis, Tenn., on the 19th for attempting to rape a seven-year-old girl on October 8, 1896.

THE Pittsburg & Gulf railway will have its own rails into Port Arthur, Tex., by September 10.

FIRE destroyed the Gerry Lumber Co.'s yard at Eagle River, Wis., with 10,000,000 feet of lumber. Loss, \$150,000.

RECENT dispatches from London seem to indicate that England will not even make a pretense of joining with the United States and other countries in rehabilitating silver.

JESSE GOBBIN, aged nine years, cut his ten-year-old sister's throat as she lay asleep at her home near Henderson, Ky., because she had informed on him for robbing his mother of 65 cents.

On the Louisville & Nashville railroad, 1½ miles north of Dahlgren, Ill., two freight trains, headed in opposite directions at full speed, collided, killing six employees of the company and demolishing the engines and a large number of cars of both trains.

A NEGRO boy, aged about 19, was discovered in the room of Mamie Stone, the 17-year-old daughter of R. O. Stone, at River Bluff, E. Tex. The girl's screams brought in her brother and father and the negro attempted to jump through a window, but a shotgun stopped him. Soon after a mob took the negro to the river and threw him in, after binding him securely.

COMMERCIAL travelers in the territory west of Chicago are likely to soon secure a long-fought-for concession from the western roads in the form of a 1,000-mile interchangeable ticket good over 28 different railroad systems.

SOME miscreant threw a switch of the Texas & Pacific at Dallas, Tex., and the entire westbound "cannon ball" train, except the sleeper, was thrown from the track, the fireman being severely injured. The eastbound 6:30 train on the same road met with an accident because of a misplaced switch between Dallas and Forney and the fireman was badly injured.

On account of the low price of silver many operators will stop mining for silver in Colorado and will turn their attention to the working of gold-bearing lodes.

An explosion of fire damp in a coal mine near Farmington, Ill., on the 18th resulted in the killing of one miner, Thomas Martin, and the serious injury of two others.

A cruise was reported on the 18th in the government affairs of Portugal and it was thought that Dom Carlos, the king, would be obliged to abdicate and leave the country.

ARRANGEMENTS have been closed for the colonization of the beet lands in Monterey county, Cal., by the German Colonization association and Claus Speckels has contracted to take all the beet lands that may be raised at the rate of \$4 per ton.

At St. Louis on the 20th No. 2 red wheat sold for \$1 a bushel.

MICHEL ANGIOLILLO, the anarchist who shot and killed Premier Canovas del Castillo at the baths of Santa Agueda, Spain, August 8, was put to death by the garrote on the 20th.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN will run as an independent candidate for mayor of Boston in the fall, with the avowed intention, if not elected, of defeating Mayor Josiah Quincy, who will be the regular democratic candidate for re-election.

The body of a man on whose coat was a tag on which was the name "E. W. Kirtion, Wisner, Neb." has been found near the summit of Pike's peak, Col., with a bullet hole in the back of his head. All his valuables were gone and it was thought he was murdered for his money.

A CALL has been issued by the nation executive board of the United Mine Workers for a conference of the representatives of organized labor to meet in St. Louis on August 30. At the meeting all labor organizations will be asked to join issues with the miners and stop work, so as to effectively cut off the supply of coal and bring the mining strike to a crisis.

The coal operators, at a meeting held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 20th, issued a statement to the public in which they accused President Ratchford, of the miners' union, of trying to dodge the issue and of being insincere in his efforts to settle the miners' strike.

AN unknown tramp entered the house of Mrs. Pauline Fenske, wife of a German farmer in Schiller park, a suburb of Chicago, and seeing only her and the children round, struck her over the head with a revolver and attempted to assault her. The children ran screaming out of the house and gave an alarm and a posse, with Mr. Fenske, chased the rascal through the cornfields and woods, both sides exchanging shots. Finally the man fell and his pursuers then literally riddled him with bullets.

It was positively announced that Mrs. Margaret Ferris, widow of the builder of the Chicago wheel, had been married at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 18th to Francis Schlatter, the "divine healer" of Canton, O.

At the second day's session of the American bankers' convention at Detroit, Mich., the principal address was made by Controller of the Currency Eckels. He declared that in the end we would be possessed of a banking and currency system so strong as to make impregnable the country's credit, but its coming might be attained at a terrible loss to capital and injury to labor.

It was said on the 19th that the officers of the United Mine Workers proposed to call a conference of all federated unions to secure their co-operation in a plan to tie up traffic on railroads, so that the supply of coal would be cut off and the operators be forced to negotiate for a settlement of the coal strike.

POLICE raided the pool rooms at St. Louis on the 18th and arrested about 200 men and boys.

THE republicans of Iowa nominated L. M. Shaw, of Crawford county, for governor at the state convention at Cedar Rapids on the 18th. J. C. Millman, of Harrison county, was selected for lieutenant-governor; Judge Waterman, of Sioux county, for supreme judge; C. L. Davidson, of Sioux county, for railroad controller, and H. H. Barrett for superintendent of instruction.

THE Utica mine at Angels' camp, the largest gold-producing property in California, was on fire on the 18th, supposed to be from spontaneous combustion. It produced \$300,000 worth of gold a month.

At Chad's gap, near Pineville, Ky., James Felt, Caleb Hatfield and Joe Mallard camped out all night, drinking and playing cards. Before morning Hatfield and Mallard had won all of Felt's money. When they arose to cross the mountains Mallard threw some liquor in Felt's face when he drew his pistol and killed both Mallard and Hatfield.

MISS MARY SHERIDAN, of Louisville, Ky., has been officially informed of the death of the supreme president of the Catholic Knights of America, John McGoff. Miss Sheridan was vice president of the order and now assumes the duty of supreme president.

THE American Bankers' association convened at Detroit, Mich., on the 17th. Gov. Pingree made a brief speech and suggested that to increase the world's coined gold a tax might be put on manufactured gold in the shape of jewelry, etc. President Lowry afterwards gave his annual address.

NEAR Barton, Ark., a negro made an assault on a colored woman, and afterwards on a colored girl. As soon as the news was known a posse got after him, overtook him and, on his refusal to surrender, another negro shot and killed him. The negro who did the shooting surrendered to a magistrate, was examined and acquitted.

Six hundred striking miners, eight abreast, marched into Coffeen, Ill., on the 17th, despite the amazed deputies. The guards were ordered not to shoot, but they began to make arrests as fast as possible. The invasion was for the purpose of inducing the men at work in the mines there to join the strikers.

ABOUT 200 bicycle riders who took a spin into the country from Milwaukee the other day for seven or eight miles had to walk back to the city owing to punctures. Some one had buried a plank full of spikes in the road and succeeded in disabling the 200 wheels. Another plank of the same kind was also discovered near the city.

SUICIDE and grief caused the death of husband and wife in Danville, Ill., the other night. Henry Hammett, an aged and respected citizen, died from the effects of an opiate, and his wife, prostrated with woe, expired three hours later. Ill health was the cause assigned for the suicide.

THE fact that hog cholera is curable has again been demonstrated on the farm of the Dubuque Fruit & Produce Co., near Dubuque, Ia., where 54 out of 62 sick hogs were treated and saved.

DR. J. M. BLEYER, a New York physician, announced that he had discovered a new cure for consumption by electricity.

## TRAMPS POISONED

Three Wanderers Drink Wood Alcohol and Die Soon Afterwards.

### A MOSQUITO'S FATAL BITE.

The Love of Whisky Causes the Downfall of a Once-Respected Man—A Cashier Shot and a Bank Looted.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Aug. 22.—Tramps purchased a pint of alcohol at a drug store here, saying it was to make liniment for a lame horse. The druggist gave them wood alcohol, warning them twice that it was poisonous. They went to the woods and mixed it with water. Three of the party of five drank it and died the following morning. The two tramps who declined to drink journeyed on east. The dead men were named Emerson, Rogan and Montague.

A Mosquito's Fatal Bite. NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The 18-month-old child of Otto Miller, who lives in Weehawken, was bitten on the cheek by a mosquito. No attention was paid to the bite until the cheek began to swell and an abscess formed. This was followed by spinal meningitis, which terminated in convulsions. The baby died after two weeks of terrible suffering.

A Once-Respected Man Goes Wrong. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 22.—R. M. Dickerson, who a few years ago was agent of the Fidelity Insurance Co. at a salary of \$10,000 per annum, is locked up here for forging a check on J. A. Zeller, a ticket broker. Dickerson was recently agent of the Massachusetts Insurance Co. at Wichita, but secured \$1,300 by forgery and fled. Whisky caused his downfall.

Cashier Shot and Bank Looted. SUMMER, Mich., Aug. 22.—Elmer E. Struble, cashier of the Farmers' bank, was shot this morning by robbers and cannot live. He was getting ready to go to Mount Pleasant about four o'clock and was in the vault when the shots were fired. All the cash in the bank was taken, but the amount is not known.

A DOLLAR FOR WHEAT. THE Dream of the Farmer a Realized Fact at All Western Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 22.—Wheat sold at \$1 and at \$1.01 in the Kansas City market Saturday. The Chicago September price reached \$1, and dollar wheat is now a realized dream in all the western markets. The dollar price was paid here for the soft variety. There was demand for all that was offered at that price. The No. 2 Kansas hard wheat, which makes up the great bulk of Kansas City's supply, sold at 95 cents. The receipts were large and all classes of buyers wanted wheat. Some fortunate buyers made their purchases at 94 cents, before the final advance occurred. The excitement in the wheat market leaped over into corn and oats Saturday. Corn in Chicago advanced nearly three cents, September selling at 32 cents, against 31½ cents at the close Friday. Prices of oats advanced nearly two cents.

### BOYLE'S SECOND STEP.

The Kansas Attorney-General Brigs Proceedings Against the New York Mutual. TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22.—Attorney-General Boyle filed Saturday his threatened quo warranto proceedings against the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. This is the second step in his defiance of United States District Judge Williams, but whether it will result in contempt proceedings is at least an open question. The petition says the company is a mutual company incorporated in New York and has not a paid up capital of \$100,000 or any other sum, that without having procured from the state of Kansas a certificate of authority or license so to do, it has ever since March 1, 1897, in the exercise of powers not conferred on it by law, transacted and has claimed the right to transact within Kansas the business of life insurance.

### CURTIS OUT OF IT.

The Kansas Congressman Will Ask No More Post Offices of the President. EMPORIA, Kan., Aug. 22.—The last act in the Emporia post office contest came yesterday in the shape of a first hand declaration from Senator Baker confirming the rumor that Ewing will be appointed. This down Congressman Curtis. Curtis told a reporter that he had served notice on the president that if the Emporia post office should be decided against him, he would not recommend another office in the Fourth district. He also said he would not try to interfere with patronage in the First district, but would concede it to Broderick.

### Teachers Just Beginning Are Barred.

ABLENE, Kan., Aug. 22.—The board of county examiners has announced through the county superintendent that after the first of next January there will be no third-grade certificates granted in the county until after the normal institute, although the law says that examinations shall be held in January and April. The institute is not held until June or July, and the object is to force the teachers to attend it.

### Senator Quay Is Modest.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 22.—Before leaving for Florida Senator Quay requested his friends not to permit the introduction of a resolution in the republican state convention endorsing him for re-election to the United States senate. He will be satisfied with an endorsement of his course and that of Senator Penrose on the Dingley tariff bill.

### August Frost in Michigan.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 22.—All the cold weather records in the state were broken by the frosts of the past 24 hours. At Niles there was a frost, and the mercury registered 46 degrees. Jackson county farmers fear that the buckwheat and beans on the low lands have been injured.

T. L. Nicolay, agent for the budget Lumber Co. at Anthony, Kan., is an embezzler and a fugitive.

## FARMERS REAPING RICHLY.

Bradstreet's Says Complete Reports Only Emphasize Growing Prosperity.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Bradstreet's commercial report says: Special telegrams from trade centers throughout the country emphasize the growing prosperity of the farmer, due to higher prices for almost all agricultural produce still in his hands, and point to a continuation of the demand which has been conspicuous within the past few weeks. The volume of trade continues to increase, and prices are hardening. No such volume of business, large in anticipation of requirements, has been reported since 1892. Larger transactions have been in dry goods, clothing and shoes, and south and west in wagons and farm implements. Another very favorable bank clearing report is found in the total, \$1,140,000,000, this week, which, while it is one per cent. less than last week, is 40 per cent. larger than in the third week of August, 1896.

Prices for staples continue the favorable movement for the past few weeks, with advances for wheat, wheat flour, new pork, butter, eggs, cheese, corn and oats. Hides are also firmer and higher. Gingshams have advanced ¼ cent, while the cotton mills are starting up, and jobbers in woolen goods are getting higher prices for spring delivery. There have been a large number of resurrections among iron and steel concerns this week. Bessemer pig is 25 cents higher, and the outlook is for improvement. Sugar, cotton, print cloth, wool and petroleum, are firm and unchanged, while coffee is lower than last week.

There are 21 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, against 214 last week, 294 a year ago, 192 two years ago, 251 three years ago, and as contrasted with 496 in the third week of August, 1893.

### GEORGIA CONVICT CAMPS.

Special Commissioner Byrd Issues a Starting Report on the Aluses Which Prevail.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 22.—Special Commissioner Phil C. Byrd, who was appointed by Gov. Atkinson last spring to investigate the condition of the county misdemeanor convict camps of the state, yesterday filed his report at the governor's office. The report names the following abuses which prevail:

Robbing convicts of their time allowance for good behavior.

Forcing convicts to work from 14 to 20 hours a day.

Providing them no clothes, no shoes, no bed, no heat in winter, no ventilation in single rooms in summer, in which three score of convicts sleep in chains.

Giving them rotten food.

Allowing them to die when sick for lack of medical attendance.

Outraging the women.

Beating to death old men too feeble to work.

Cheating the state.

The report gives names and dates and places, and is the truthful account of his trip to the camps. Twenty-five camps inspected contain 1,167 convicts, of which three are white women, 101 are white males, 75 are colored females and 988 are colored males.

### IN A COLLISION.

A Heavily-Loaded Excursion Train Smashes Into a Freight.

LIMA, O., Aug. 22.—A terrible smash-up occurred here last night about 10:30 o'clock at the junction of the Lima Northern and Lake Erie & Western railways, in the eastern portion of the city. A Lake Erie freight crashed into a Lima Northern passenger train, carrying a large number of excursionists on their return from Toledo. The Lake Erie engine was knocked off the track and badly demolished and two coaches of the Lima Northern overturned, badly injuring a large number of Lima's prominent citizens. Relief trains hurried in the injured, all physicians being pressed into service.

### TO KLONDIKE BY RAIL.

Surveying Party Already in the Field Locating a Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—A special correspondent, writing from Juneau, Alaska, says that railroad communication between Juneau and Dawson will be one of the things of the near future. Next spring 5,000 men will be at work and the road will probably be completed before next fall. The proposed road is from the head of steamboat navigation in Taku river to Lake Teslin. Light draught steamboats will be operated from each end of the new road, and it will take four days to make the journey from Juneau to Dawson.

### TEACHERS MUST IMPROVE.

In Kansas They Can Get but Two Third-Grade Certificates.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22.—An opinion was rendered by the attorney-general yesterday, in which it was held that no teacher who has held two third-grade certificates and taught under them can get another third-grade certificate. If such a teacher can't pass a second-grade examination he is barred altogether from teaching school. Attorney-General Boyle also decided that district ownership of schoolbooks must be adopted at the regular annual meeting of the district.

### To Feed a Half Million Sheep.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22.—J. W. Robison, of Butler county, says Swift & Co., of Kansas City, will feed 500,000 sheep in Kansas this fall. He says that company is now gathering up the sheep from Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming and New Mexico and driving them Kansasward. Over 50,000 of the sheep will be fed in Butler county.

### Aeronaut Flung to His Death.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Aeronaut Walter Allred fell 300 feet from his balloon to the earth at Electric park last night. The balloonist became entangled in a guy-rope, was dragged from the parachute trapeze and fell to his death in the presence of several hundred persons. Every bone in his body was broken.

### Vertical Writing Compulsory.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22.—Attorney-General Boyle rendered an opinion yesterday that the vertical writing system adopted by the state text-book commission must be taught in all state institutions as well as the public schools, no matter whether copybooks are used or not.

### Purtell Victorious in England.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—Last night at the Olympic Athletic club, Birmingham, Paddy Purtell, the American boxer, met Lachie Thompson in a contest for 20 rounds. Purtell won easily in six rounds. It was his first battle since he came to this country.

### Solly Smith Wins a Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Last night Solly Smith, of Los Angeles, repeated his performance at Roby four years ago by knocking out Johnny Griffin, of Boston, in the seventh round.

## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

### Everybody Has Heard of It.

A prominent Topeka lawyer says the Hillmon insurance case has been so thoroughly discussed that it will be impossible to again get a jury in Kansas to try it. He says Mrs. Hillmon should accept the proposition of the insurance companies to submit the case to a jury of federal judges for final settlement.

### Alfalfa's Rapid Growth.

In 1891 there were but 84,384 acres of alfalfa in Kansas. This year's returns to Secretary Coburn, of the state board of agriculture, show 171,834 acres, an increase of 388 per cent. in six years. Finney county, as in 1891, ranking first in acreage. Alfalfa is reported this year in all but three counties.

### Farmers Are Pleased with It.

The post office department will continue the rural free delivery of mail to farmers in Delaware and Wyandotte townships in Wyandotte county. At one time the farmers did not take kindly to the scheme, but now they are enthusiastic in its praise.

### To Test an Indian Treaty.

Three suits in ejectment have been filed in the federal court against parties in Wyandotte and Johnson counties, involving property valued at \$31,000. The suits are to test the validity of the government treaty with the Shawnee Indians.

### Felts Is from Kansas.

AV. B. Felts, the man who was to jump from Pike's peak, but didn't, was discovered recently in Logan county, this state, where he formerly lived. He is said to be a great fakir, and takes periodical turns at working "sneakers."

### An Old Lodge of Masons.

Wyandotte lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., celebrated the 43d anniversary of its founding on the 11th. The lodge first worked under a dispensation from the grand lodge of Missouri and its first officers were Wyandotte Indians.

### A Former Official in Trouble.

J. M. Limbucker, until recently a prominent lawyer and county official at Fort Scott, was brought back from Texas to answer to embezzling money from the estate of Mrs. Paulson, an insane woman of Fort Scott.

### Speakers for the G. A. R. Reunion.

Among the big speakers who will attend the state G. A. R. reunion at Leavenworth are Gen. R. A. Alger, Senator J. B. Foraker, Pension Commissioner Henry Clay Evans and Gen. John B. Gordon.

### New Grade of Kansas Wheat.

State Grain Inspector Culver has established a new grade of Kansas wheat, to be known as No. 1 Kansas hard, weight 60 pounds. Hereafter No. 2 hard will weigh 58 and No. 3 hard 56 pounds.

### Wheat Ground Flowed Early.

Farmers were unusually early this year in plowing wheat ground. They have learned the importance of getting ground ready early, though the work is harder.

### The Populist Manifesto.

The populist manifesto declaring antagonism to federal courts and calling for a national conference of populists and socialists will be issued in a few days.

### Minor State News.